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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 40, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The protein may also be produced by operably linking the isolated polynucleotide of the invention to suitable control sequences in one or more insect expression vectors, and employing an insect expression system. Materials and methods for baculovirus/insect cell expression systems are commercially available in kit form from, e.g., Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif., U.S.A. (the MAXBATTM kit), and such methods are well known in the art, as described in Summers and Smith, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 1555 (1987), incorporated herein by reference. As used herein, an insect cell capable of expressing a polynucleotide of the present invention is "transformed."

